WASHINGTON.

The Southern Members Returning to Their Homes.

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The Freedmen's Bureau and Its Relations with the Military.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22, 1865. THE SOUTHERN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS RETURNING

TO THEIR HOMES.

The few members of Congress elect from the South remaining in Washington held a meeting night before last and determined to return to their homes forthwith, with the understanding that they would again assemble at the capital on the 4th of March next.

THE MEXICAN MISSION. There is no doubt of the fact that the President yesterday nominated to the Senate ex-Congressman Lawis D Campbell, of Ohio, to be Minister Extraordinary to the republic of Mexico, in place of General Logan, declined. The nomination was referred to the Committee on Foreign THE JAPAN MISSION.

The reported appointment this evening of Mr. Van Valkenburgh as Minister to Japan, vice Chauncey M. Depew, resigned or declined, gives credibility to the stories in circulation. in circulation when the latter's appointment was first promulgated. It was then asserted that Mr. Depew merely received the complimentary offer of the position, and that Mr. Seward would no more recall Mr. Pruyn o Mr. Sanford from Belgium than he would sign an order

such mee as Mr. Fogg or Mr. Judd, who are not so warmly attached to his own fortunes THE PRENCH MISSION. Hen. John Bigelow, who was appointed ad inform Minister to France, has been nominated by the President

THEF BEEDMEN'S BUREAU AND THE MULITARY ES-

for confirmation.

uch more likely to use his influence for the removal of

TABLISH MENT. In the recent report of Licutemant General Grant to the President, giving his views of the feelings of the Southern people, he spoke of the Freedmen's Bureau as an abdute necessity until civil law is established and enforced, securing to the freedmen their rights and full protection and said in this connection, "at present, however, it i and seems to be operated by the different agents of th bureau according to their individual notions." Howard, Commissioner of Freedmen's Affairs, in view of this remark of General Grant, to-day issued an order, calling the attention of the assistant commissioners

that report, and saying:—

The most thorough inspection will at the will complained of be corrected. No order from the War Department makes the bureau independent of the military establishment, and any agent or officer who presumes to not contary to such finistructions will be forthwith removed or reported to the department commander for true by court martial. In all matters of a military character they are under the direction of the department commander, in the same manner as an officer of engineers building a fort in the same department, who reports directly to the third Engineer. Every assistant commissioner will constantly seek co-operation with the department commander, and must keep bim jurnished with all information in his possession. His formal approval must be secured, when possible, to all orders and circulars issued by the assistant court assistant.

Half a million of dollars have already been appropristed by Congress for the support of indigent Indians tized within the past year that there is every proba bility that the needy red men will get a heavy ers and contractors have been the principal beneficiaries of moneys so appropriated. Notwithstanding the fact that this half a million is expected to go so much further than any like sum over has gone, it is not enough, and Congress will be called upon to double it at an early day. Estimates have been forwarded to the Inerior Department, fixing eleven hundred thousand dol lars as the lowest possible figure at which we can put suing five months, or until they can again gather Parties in Washington, who have recently been ong the suffering tribes picture their condition a terrible in the extreme, and may that in our overweening sympathy for the freedmen we are losing sight of a much wider field for the exercise of charity. Western members of Congress particularly are waking up on the sub-

upon to endorse liberal legislation in their behalf. A letter forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior from General Sully, of date the 8th instant, says that there are a large number of Indians assembled at Fost Rice and elsewhere on the Missouri river, who are manifesting the most friendly feeling for the whites and are quite willing to enter into the most liberal treation. General Sully remarks that he forwards this information in order to give direct contradiction to the newspaper accou of a contrary state of affairs among the judians of that

ject; and the Eastern public, who are supposed to know and care less about redskins, will be called

A delegation of four chiefs and braves of the Shawno Incian tribe have arrived in the city to express to their Great Pather the hope that he will make them some Christmas presents, and use his influence with the Indian Bureau to have their Kansas reservation exchanged for another located further south. Scarcely a month goes by without the arrival of some of these "lords of the plains" to pay their respects at the White House. They usually manage to beg a few hundred dollars' worth o presents, and, after a "big drunk," clear out for home, leaving the government to pay their board bilis.

NEGRO SUFFRAGE IN THE DISTRICT. Note that adding the vote given on negro suffrage is this District yesterday was almost a unit against it allowance, the people of Washington are not at all that the result will deter Congress from speedily naming the act upon which they have just entered their

Wilson keep up their stock of petitions and memorials in behalf of the colored people, which they are constantly introducing in Congress by the dozen, is indicated from the method pursued to manufacture a petition lately introduced by Summer from estimens of this District favoring negro suffrage. The prayer in question was circulated for several days among clerks of departments, and their signatures obtained under the influence of natural inference that the petition was started the knowledge of the heads of the respective departments, and their refusal might be inimica the stability of their further employment in the same capacity. As these men have no per-manent abode in Washington they are careless of the result, and swell the roll that enables the Massa. chusetts Senator to foist these fraudulent prayers upon the attention of the Senate. It is time that such mea agres should cease to draw a compulsory support from

THE RELEASE OF PROPERTY SEIZED FOR VIOLATION OF THE REVENUE LAWS. The Secretary of the Treasury has issued the following sircular relative to the release of property seized for vio-

htions of the revenue laws:—

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The series of the customs to release property seried for violation has been recently received at this department to the effect that it has been for some time, and will continues to be, the custom of some of the collectors and other officers of the customs to release property seried for violation of the revenue laws upon payment to them of the appraised value thereof, without having first reported the selzure and amount of the appraisal to the Secretary of the Treasury, and obtaining from him the authority to release the property in question upon the payment of its appraised value, and that they base their action in so doing upon the eighty ninth section of the act of March 2, 1799, as well as upon the fifth section of the act of March 3, 1863, entitled "An act to prevent and pus ish frands upon the revenue," &c. This custom is not warranted by any act of Congress or by any interactions issued by this department.

Section 89 of the act of March 2, 1799, evidently applies only to cases where a ship or vessel, goods, wares or merchandles, shall have been seized for violation of the revenue laws, and legal proceedings have already been instituted for their condemnation; and the parties desting to obtain possession of such property are required to give a bond for the appraised value, was a life of the property are required to give a bond for the appraised value, was a life. lations of the revenue laws:-

And be it further enacted, that the collectors of the soveral districts of the United States, in at case of seigure of any goods, wares or merchandiae for ric lation of the revesure has the appraised value of which as the district where such seizure shall be made, shall not exceed one thousand doltars, be, and they are hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to release the goods on payment of the appraised value thereof.

It will be readily perceived that, under the foregoing section, no collector of customs has authority to release any property which has been seized for violation of the revenue laws upon the payment of the appraised value unless the seizure, together with the attendant circumstances and the appraised value of the same, has first been reported to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the recommendation of the collector that it be released, and requesting authority, and the same has been granted by the Secretary.

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It is evident from the reading of said section that Congress intended to place the power to release the property
thus soized and appraised solely with the Secretary of
the Treasury, and not with collectors or other officers of
the oustoms, by making such release wholly subject to
his approval. Collectors must in overy case of seisure,
where there shall be an application for release upon the
payment of the appraised value of the property sought to
case and the appealsed value of the property sought to
be released to the Secretary of the Treasury, with a
recommendation that it be released, when, if deemed
expedient, he will grant the necessary authority to other

THE PACIFIC BAILROAD MEASURE The extension of the Pacific Railroad into the bowels of Kansas in several directions will come up in Congress this winter. Kansas is growing so rapidly that the claims of a dozen little towns for railroad benefits are pressed with a confidence which would have been unwarrantable when the Pacific Ratiroad project was first brouched. Kansas will be as heavily represented in the third House this winter as New Jersey or Maryland.

PERSONAL. Major General Wilson, of cavalry raiding fame, re-ported at General Grant's headquarters to-night, direct

from Georgia. SETTLEMENT OF CLOTHING ACCOUNTS OF VOLUM TEERS.

War Department:--

WAR DEPARTMENT, ORDERS—NO. 171.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, MASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1805.

Hereafter in the settlement of the clothing accounts of volunteer soldiers discharged since March 3, 1865, the same amount of clothing will be allowed as in the case of regular soldiers. Each soldier will be credited with the arount of clothing due for the period of actual service from the date of enlistmant, or from the date of last settlement in case a prior sottlement has been made, and will be charged with the amount drawn during the game philod. The same rule will govern in all settlements of clothing accounts of volunteer soldiers made since March 3, 1825, whether final or the regular annual settlements industried up paragraph eleven hundred and fifty, revised regulations.

In making up the soldiers' credit reference will be had In making up the soldiers' credit reference will be had to the General Orders from this office fixing the allowance of clothing for the regular army for the period included in the settlement, and he will be credit of a proved of the year's aftewance for the year, first, second or third, as the case may be, in which he was serving at the time of his discharge, and he will be charged with the money value of the clothing drawn as estimated by the list of prices published in and orders.

By order of the

E. D. Towssend, Assistant Adjutant General.

BOLD ROBERRY.

A caymaster of the United States Army went into ank in this city to-day with \$15,000, which he laid on the counter, and turned about for the purpose of writing a check. His clerk entered at the same time, and like wise placed on the counter a package of \$10,000, and then engaged in conversation with a friend. Whilst the paymaster and his cierk were thus engaged some party in the crowd stole the \$15,000 package, with which he made his escape thnosiced.

THE PATENT LAWS. Persons interested in patents for inventions, and who through Congress a very essential modification of the patent laws, are authoritatively informed that no ma-terial change in such laws will be asked for during the present zension. Only a few of the minor points affect-

ing the details of securing patents will be modified. THE AURIPEROUS GOVERNMENT LANDS. The Land Office, in reply to frequent inquiries as to with any species of warrants or scrip issued under authority of Congress, ascertains that no such lands of the government are liable to disposal under the existing laws.

Ammaements.

BEGADWAY THRATER. o-day, and another on Christmas. In addition to his personation of Sam Mr. Chaufrau will appear as Moce every night next week. On the 8th of January Chanfrau will be followed by Mr. John E. Owens, who will receive a warm welcome home.

MISS RUSHTON'S NEW THEATRE-PREPARATIONS

There was quite a gathering of privileged guests at Miss Lucy Rushton's New York theatre last evening. The occasion of the assembling was the nunouncement that sent a number of goatlemen curious to inquire into the novel features of the bonbouniere.

It is unnecessary to enter into any details as to the many improvements which have been introduced. A full description of the interior and exterior of the edifice was published in last Thursday's Hazano, and proved to be entirely accurate. The new illuminatory and ventilatory the Parisian theatres, was tested and pronounced successful, every recess of the establishment being flooded with light, and the same temperature being maintained in all parts of the house. The floor of the theatre is carpeted with the best Brussels tapir, and the papering of the Boxes, apple green studded with gold, showed to excel-

"light ladders," sunken footlights and rows of burners in the files shone brilliantly upon several sats of handsome secuery, and gave due relief to the scenic exce lence of a well rainted drop curtain and to the magnificence of the crimson videau silk, with its golden tassely and fringes. Nor did the tasteful carpeting of the boards escape notice, when it was justly remarked that the mice on scene of the plays to be produced would be worthy a Parisian theatre for the minute correctness of the stage setting. To Mesers, Kitchen, Demorest and Montgomery is Mr. H. H. Davis indebted for the successful execution

The inaugural performance at the new establishment will be given this night. As will be seen elsewhere the Spranghed Banner' by the whole company, an opening address by Miss Rushton, and the rendering of Sheridan's sterling comedy, the School for Scandal, with a powerful cast. To insure a good performance the entire berg, has been directed to the rehearsals, which have been many and careful. The cast is peculiar and novel, for the first time in this city. The character of Joseph Surface, the arch hypocrite, will be taken by Mr. J. K. part of Charles Surface, placed in the hands of Mr. D. Waller, might better, perhaps, have been assigned. have often been applauded, will appear as the old nabob and financial deus es machéna of the play, while Mr. Thomas Piscide as Crabtece will rapturously encore the epigrams of Mr. Mestayer's Sir Benjamin. The fair irs. Candor will assume the leading female characters

But little need be said of the programme of the winter and public, will shortly be produced, and that a large stock company has been engaged. Meantime the theatre the lovers of the drama will have ample opportunity to judge of the merits of the artistic and the grand features of the house,

Mr. Wood will open his new theatre, at 514 Broadway, en January 15. The opening attraction will be a new piece by Mr. De Walden, in which Chanfrau will appear. Mr. Wood is apparently the only manager who considers it worth while to produce new pieces. The Haulon Brothers will appear also. Among the new decorations is a very beautiful variegated fountain.

The Remains of President Lincoln. Sr. Lovis, Mo., Dec. 22, 1865.
The remains of President Lincoln were removed yes terday from the receptacte vacil at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, to the new vault erected near the site of the proposed monument. The remains of Mr. Lincoln's two children were placed in the same vanit. Rot Lincoln and the Directors of the National Mc Association were present at the removal.

FIRES IN NEW YORK.

Fire in Fulton Street-Promptness and Energy of the Heraid Fire Depart-

overed issuing from the rear windows of the fourth establishment, put the steam pump in working order, carried the pipes into Fulton street, and up the stairways of the building adjoining the premises in which the fire had broken out, and were deluging the roof of the burning build-ing with Croton. The flames were thus partially sub-dued some twenty minutes before the arrival of any of the steam engines. When the Metropolitan Fire co-panies finally arrived upon the ground the hose be-longing to the Histario fire apparatus was withdrawn, and sarried up the stairways of the building and over the roof of the adjoining structure until a steady stream was thrown upon the roof of the burning building from the premises in its rear.

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By this time the fames had reached the front windows of the structure, and it required the unceasing efforts of the department and the attaches of the Harald office to prevent the fire from extending to the neighboring buildings on Fulton street and to the structures in the rear. Just as the flames were being mastered a portion of the roof of the burning building fell in with a crash, but, owing to the fact that the firemen and assistants were on the tops of the adjoining buildings, all hands escaped unburt.

About ninety minutes after the first alarm was given, orders were issued to turn off the stream then being poured upon the fire from the roof of the Handle office, and, half an hour later the firemen had the satisfaction of seeing their task performed, without sacrifice of human life or extensive loss of property.

The alarm when sounded had the effect of attracting a large crowd around the burning buildings and the Herald office. The presence of a large body of police, however, contributed to maintain perfect order, and the employee of this establishment were enabled to put the fire apparatus to good use without the slightest delay, and thus avert the imminent danger.

Inasmuch as few of the occupants of the structure No. 143 Fulton street were on hand it was found somewhat difficult to obtain any decisive information as to the losses incurred.

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First floor, liquor store, owned by John Brosnan, damaged by water about \$1,000; insured for \$20,000 in city companies.

Second thoor, hairdressing rooms, kept by J. Canty, stock damaged by water. Loss about \$300; insured. Third and fifth stories, o cupied by J. G. Gersieck, morrocco jewelry case maker. Loss about \$1,000; insured.

Fourth floor, occupied by L. T. Bolund, heraldic printer; damaged by water about \$5,000; insured.

The building is owned by Lorenza Ventura; loss about \$5,000; insured for \$10,000 in the Merchants' and one other company.

other company.

The subjected document has been handed in for pub-

CARD FROM THE PROPRIETOR OF THE BELMONT

The undersigned desires hereby to express his gratitude to the employee of the Harado establishment for
their prompt attendance at the fire which occurred on
the premises No. 143 Fulton street, at eleven o'clock
last night. He considers that he has reason to ascribe
to their energy and exertions the preservation of his
house.

Proprietor Belmont Hotel.

Fire in Whitehall Street.

About eight o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the tailor's store No. 10 Whitehall street, owned by Hotmer & Co., and before the flames were extin guished the stock was damaged to the extent of \$2,000. Insured for \$1,000. The building is damaged to the extent of \$300. Said to be insured. The cause of the tire is unknown at present.

THE OPERA IN THE WEST.

Great Success of Gazzaniga in Suffo at St. Louis.

Sr. Lous, Dec. 21, 1805.
The great success which Safo met with on Saturday night rendered its repetition necessary this evening, in obedience to the carnest requisition of the patrons of opera. The house was fashionably filled, notwithstanding that a large party, for which a great number of invitations had been issued, drew off many of the opera habitute, but it did not diminish the costliness of the toilets. One lady were a diamond bracelet worth five thousand dollars, conspicuously in the front of the dres

she was received was well deserved. In the last sate she was perfectly sublime. Inspiration was never better lyre, she created the glorious vision of the heaven to which she is about to second. It was too grandly pa-Castic to permit of any outward manifestation of approwhich was only broken when the curtain fell amid

Cash Pollini was the Climene, and sang the vôle excellently. The dust with Gazzaniga in the second act was delightfully sung and loudly encored.

Musiani was all himself in Phaon, and, though eyi-

dently suffering from the intense cold of the stage,

left no room for faultfinding. An unusual incident occurred in the last act—the clarionet sole was played ker, that it received a universal encore, and was re-peated smid load applance and cries of "Bravo." General Sherman arrived in the city this afterne

from Little Rock, Arkansas, where he has been on a visit of inspection for the first time to that portion of his military district west of the Mississippi, and is expected to be present at the Opera to-morrow night to The ice on the river is sufficiently hard this morning

to enable the transfer companies to complete their plank bridge. The drop material is now being sent over. The first load that went from this side was several tone of Grag's Opera property, en route for Louisville, where Personal Intelligence.

Secretary McColloch arrived in this city on Thursday

evening, and is at present stopping at the private rest-dence of a relative. Yesterday he received a number of friends and promment merchants at his down town headquarters, which he has established at the Sub-Treasury. During the day he visited the Custom House, inspected the department, in company with Assistant Collector equal. Last evening the Secretary was one of the guests at the New Eugland banquet. He proposes to return to Washington this evening, having visited New York for the sole purpose of meeting a few personal friends.

Thursday, and, with his Adjutant General, Finley Anderson, is stopping at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. It is understood that General Hancock visits the metropolis

understood that General Hancock visits the metropolis upon purely private business.

The Newark (N. J.) Advertier contains the following respecting agentleman some what noted thirty years since, he having been the first President of the republic of Texas:—"The Hon. David G. Burnet, of Texas, has been in town for a day or two on a brief visit to the scenes of his early youth, after an absence of thirty-five years. He is a native of this chy—a son of Dr. William Bernet, Surgeon General in the army of the Revolution. After a life of great viciositudes and adventure he became one of the pioneer settlers of Texas, was chosen President when that State declared its independence of Mexico; was subsequently Vice President, and has since been a distinguished member of the bar and a Judge of the Supreme Court. We understand that he was commissioned by the people of Texas to represent them at Washington in reference to the pacification of their difficulties with the government, and, having fulfilled his mission, he is now on his way home, intending to sall in the steamer of Saturday next for New Orleans. He represents the spirit of secession to be entirely crushed out, without the remetest hope of ever railying again, and the people most anxious to restore amicable relations with us."

Signor Renazzi, heir of the late Prince of Musignano,

with us."

Signor Renazzi, heir of the late Prince of Musignano, Don Ginseppe Buonaparte, has surprised all Rome by making a formal dreitaration that he had only accepted the inheritance of the late Prince as his trustee, and that, according to the terms of the trust, the family palace was to be the property of the two surviving brothers, the Princes Lucien and Napoleon, and the jewels and other valuables to be divided among his sisters. Remazzi himself retains the enjoyment of a sum of about 69,000 scudi during his life—the capital returning to the Buonaparte lumily at his death.

The police of Schleswig have issued a notice ordering

The police of Schleswig have issued a notice ordering the portrait of the Prince of Augustenburg to be removed from all the restaurants, cares and places of public resort to that town.

In that town.

The body guard of the Esterhazy family, maintained in Vienna for more than two hundred years, has been disbanded. They formerly constituted a whole battalion, but in latter years have been reduced to a company. The uniform was a blue jacket, richly embroidered with gold, red pantaloous and a hair shake. At the moment of dissolution the guard was composed of twenty-four men, who have received retiring pensions.

Sir Henry Bulwer has not gone to Nice from Constantinople as stated, but to Hyeros, where he has taken a villa for the winter.

Count Eulenburg, nephew of the Prussian Minister of

Count Eulenburg, nephew of the Prussian Min-the Interior, who was accused of having killed Alfred's (of England) cook at Bonn, has been to ourt marial, and

City Intelligence. Israegerino Expectes Av. Swanning to the several years past has been customary at this gabool for several years past to give an entertainment to the porents and friends of the pupils, where the proficiency of the scholars well warrant a public exhibition of their talents, as was evinced yesterday to the satisfaction of all who were present during the exercises. Number 11, which is situated in West scholars number about four hundred and fifty, though little better than half that number were present at the exhibition. About eleven o'clock, the schoolroom being well filled by a highly respectable audience of both sexes, the exercises were commenced by the reading of Scriptural selections; after when "The War Drums are Beating," a new song, was rendered by the choir and school. Master J. R. Adams, a youth of 14 years of age, then came forward, and, taking his position upon the platform, gave a declamation on the true character of the war, making selections from Andrew Johnson's speech in the Scnake, July 27, 1861. His delivery was correct, and his pronucciation clear and distinct. At the conclusion of part first the boys were formed in line, and, conducted by Mr. Frisbee, vice principal of the school, went through several evolutions of the line, and drilled in their facings in a manner highly creditable to their discipline and training. Master Tunis Cooper, accompanied by the pisnoforte, then sang "Tis the Peace Jubilee" in a remarkably fine voice, and took his seat amid the continued plandits of those assembled. A declamation, the "Peace We Have Won," from the Thanksgiving sermon of Rev. H. W. Beecher, was given by Master Thomas in such a manner at elicit the praise of the School Trustees who were present, as well as of all present. An elequent address to the boys, advising them as to their duties through life and to become good and honorable members of society, and with beautiful allusions to the Christmas festival, was made by Wm. Oland Bourne, A. M., and aitentively listened to by them. But decidedly the feature of the exhibition consisted in an old-fashioned spelling match by members of the senior and junior classes, which was conducted by Mr. Wandell, one of the Trusteea. About fifty pupils formed across the room, being nicely sized, the taller boys in the centre. A list of the most difficult words, which had been previously prepared, was then given out, having been instructed to the effect that but tw MUSICAL AND ELOCUTIONARY EXERCISES AT GRAMMAN

School. No. 17.—There were some very interesting pro-ceedings at Grammar School. No. 17 on Thursday after noon, in honor of the present Christmas anniversary. The programme, which consisted of anthems, declarations, choruses, dialogues, a drill of the Educational Light Goard, and concluding with "The Last Beam," a byran, by the entire school, were well performed from commoncement to close, the teachers and pupils conducting themselves in a most orderly manner. A feature which created conclusion by the content was a selection from common was only the selection from the entertainment and adverse was delivered by Rev. Mr. Bell. In the evening there were more electricarry and musical exercises, under the direction of Wm. A. E. Davis, the valeral of the night exhabits which were equal to those of the afternoon. Many of the Presents and near friends of the pupils were present upon the Occasion of both exhibitions, and expressed themselves as very well entertained and equally well satisfied with the progress the scholars had made in the various departments.

The Success Assents Union Assontarion held an elec-

THE SECOND ASSESSED UNION ASSOCIATION held an elecers were elected, only four votes being cast in oppos

Vice President; John O'Brien, Second Vice President; Joseph Knex, Recording Secretary; Matthew F. Stewart, Corresponding Secretary; M. J. Ryan, Tressurer; Honry G. Leask, Morris Treadson, Mark Lanigan, M. J. Byan, O'ren O'Connell and James Ontes, delegates to the Union Central Semmittee for 1896. Complimentary Supper, To Mr. James Lines—A Bru-

last REUNION. - One of the most pleasant reunions that has occurred in this city for many years happened on Thursday evening last, at the Astor tion of a complimentary surger to Mr. James Linen, of Colifornia, a gentleman who has won merite graine and distinction as a post of the genuine Burn's school Being of Scotch extraction and additations, his fallow countrymen and his many friends among our oldest residents in this city took extraordinary pains to make the affair pass off with felat. The chair was occupied by the affair pass off with color. The chair was occupied by the venerable William Cuiter Bryant. Speeches were made by a large number of gentlemen, including Mr. Linse, Mr. Lryant, Mr. Willis Gaylord Clarke, Dr. Powell, Dr. A. C. Caelle, Major George Koating, the Mosrs. Eadle, Mr. Smith Clark, President of the Traveller's Club; Mr. H. C. Thomson, Mr. C. S. Van Winkle, Mr. Edward Walker, Mr. Nicholson, President of the Burns Club; Mr. Robert D. Bolmes, Grand Master of the Freemanons of the State of New York; Capitali Joseph Laing, of the Soventy-ninth Highlanders; Mr. Mitchell, President of the Calcionia Club; Mr. John B. Bast, and many others. The evening's festivities were cally aped by the istroduction of a novel feature for such occasions. Medanae Hofman and Miss Zilda Harrison. occasions. Madaine Hofman and Miss Zilda Harrison, two charming vocalists, rang several appropriate songs, assisted by Mr. Edward Hofman on the plane. Mr. S. C. Campbell, a native vocalist of superior ability, aroused the hearitest enthusiasm by his vocalism. Letters were read from N. P. Willis, Senator Nyo, General Hooker, Ac. Several amateur singers, including Mr. William J. Hoyt, of Williamsburg; Mr. Milcelm Taylor, Mr. John Bersy, of the Thiatle Association; Mr. Gibson and others, enhanced the harmony of the occasion, which was aided during the entire evening by the music of Robinson's Seventy-niath regiment band. The whole affair was a decided success, reflecting the highest credit upon all concerned, as well as bonor upon the distinguished guest. Madaine Hoffman and Miss Zilde.

The board of survey, appointed to inspect the sloop of war Monongahela, recently returned from ses in a dist their report to Acting Rear Admiral Bell. It is four that the ressel was injured pretty-extensively in he rears and figging, to repair which would occupy five six weeks. Some of the crew have been transferred the receiving ship Vermont, and the others, with the marine guard, remain on board the ship.

REBEL TROPHING OF THE LATE WAR. The United States naval supply steamer Newber which recently arrived from the Guif squadron, is no discharging her cargo at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, in the shape of naval trophies of the late war. Among thes are the guns captured by Admiral Porter's fleet in th attack on the robel batteries at Grand Guif, Mississippi algo the large Armstrong guns which composed the battery of the robel ram Tennessee, sunk by Admiral Farrs gut's fleet in Mobile bay, Alabama.

THE DOUBLE ENLER ALGONGUIN. The Algonquin has received her spars and rigging and so new receiving a coat of paint, and otherwise preparing for the race with the Winowski. On an examination her hollers it was found they were so far corroded by use of salt water as to render them unsafe. The old o are being replaced by new ones.

THE GUNBOAT DE SOTO. The United States gunboat De Soto is momentarily expected to arrive here from Fortress Monroe, where she out in to get a supply of coal. She is from Cape Haytien, and will be remembered as succoring the defence

less people of that place at the time of the engagement of the Rritina sloop-of-war Bulldog and the Haytien rebel forts. The following is a list of her officers:—
Cuprein—Wm. M. Walker.
Lieutenant Commander—John A. Howell.
Lieutenant Commander—John J. Brico.
Engine—Orlando I. S. Roberts, Paul Arment, Frederick J. Locke and Aleysius L. J. Kane.
Paymaster—George Cochrane.
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Paymaster—Chief, Geo. T. Hibbard; Acting First Assistant, Theo. D. Coffice; Acting Second Assistants, Wm.
J. Barrington and Chas. Koebl; Acting Third Assistants,
Christopher McCormick and Alex. D. Renshaw.
Mote—R. L. Lauman.
Boatswein—Charles Willett.
Acting Gunner—Cospin G. Venable.
Chylain's Clerk—Charles J. Petiti.
Paymaster's Clerk—George H. Lewis.
OPPICKES OF THE UNITED STATES STRAMSEIF

OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES STRAMSHILL CANANDAIGUA. The following is a list of the officers of the United ates steamship Canandalgua:— Commander—Roger N. Stembel.

Adulenam .

Surgeon Edward Shippen.

Lieutenam - Rufus R. Duer.

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Acing Folunter Lieutenam - F. F. Baury.

Passed Assistant Surgeon - Thos. Hiland.

Lieutenam - Chas. F. Guild. Passed Assistant Surgeon—Thos. Hiland,
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fitch; Second Assistant, F. T. H. Ramsden; Acting
econd Assistants, T. J. W. Cooper and Curris Stanton,
ecting Third Assistants, Geo. E. Savery, Domingo Casano and Alonzo D. Parsons.
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fallice Graham and F. M. Gove.
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Hocommencement of the Senson—Probability of Fine Sport This Day.

The frest of Trainady and last night has told upon the skating ponds in this city, and the ball will most probably be up to-day. Though both the Park lakes and the Fifth Avenue pond were covered yesterday with a sheet of ice, it was not decrawed advisable at either place to permit the anxious skaters to indulge in their favorite sport. yesterday morning proclaimed to the world of New York that the lakes were not open, and although the Fifth man, its worthy proprietor, would not permit it to be gone on, very much to the chagrin of the numerous applicants for admission. In this latter place of fashionable resort everything is ready for the enjoying of the winter seaso. Beep in a hollow, the winter wind sweeps over it not during to disarrange the gay toilets of the lady skaters; while an extensive refreshment department, stretching from end to end, and heated by numerous stoves, supplies to the spectators and non-indulgers in the sport all the creature comforts which are called into requisition by the coldness of a winter day and the appetring character of the sport. It is inteaded to celebrate this the first regular opening day in a most appropriate manner. All—at least all who hold tickets—will be admitted to the fuls anjoyment of the smooth surface of the ice. The pond will be open during the day and evening, while a band of music will keep time to the graceful motions of the merry skaters.

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In the Park, too, it is probable all will be ready for a
fine and spirited occupation of the lakes; and, if so, the
hearts of a myriad pleasure seckers will beat faster than
they have for some days past. Everything is ready
there for the furtherance of the enjoyment of visitors.

In the neighborhood of Fourth and Loxington avenues
the frozen ponds were well covered with skaters, making
as merry as the coldness of the atmosphere would permit them, and entering into the sport with a zest peculiar to Young America.

SKATING IN BROOKLYN.

The severe cold weather which commenced on Thursday has had the effect to revive the skating on the Brooklyn ponds—the Capitoline, Union, Washington, Chi-chester's and Moore's—and they were very generally paironized yesterday. The continuance of the cold weather will render the skating very good, so that the Christmas anusaments "on ice" will be of a rare charac-ter. The thermometer at Washington pond yest-rday, at four o'clock in the afternoon, was twenty-four degrees above zero, under which temperature the ice was mak-ing very fast.

Mass., but at present visiting her friends in the righteenth ward, in Brooslyn, met with a serious accu-dent while skating on a small private pond, near the re-sidence where she is staying. She, with several of her companions, while enjoying the popular amusement, was showing her expertness in the art, and was executing a fancy movement, when she leat her balance, and, falling heavily on the ice, sontained a fracture of the right arm. She received framediants cargical attendance, and is pro-tounced not dangerously injured.

Safe at Philadelphia.

PRILADELPHIA, Dec. 22, 1865.
The safe at the Sanitary Commission was found robbed this morning of \$6,450 in United States bonds, the property of John W. Wison, chief clerk. The following are the numbers of the five-twenty bonds, of five hundred the numbers of the five-twenty bonds of five hundred dollars each:—Nos. 23,960 3,558, 3,560, 3,561, 5,562, 3,563 and 3,564. Of one hundred dollars—Nos. 6,914, 82,771, 58,818, 50,819, and of fifty dollars—No. 8,380. Seven-thirties, each for five hundred dellars, 35,903, 35,906, 125,432, 127,476.

News from Fortress Monroe.

FORTERS MONROS, Dec. 21, 1865. named vessels were spoken off Cape Henry yesterday by the revenue cotter Kankakee:-English barks Queen Victoria and Weekin, from Liverpool for City Point, with salt; bark Potest, from Carra

zaboo, Chile, for Raitimore, with copper and copper ore. The bark Weekin reported having passed at sea the wreck of an unknown steamer.

A portion of the cargo of the bark Victoria, which was wrecked near Cape Henry on the 30th, was sold at Norfolk yesterday by the Board of Underwriters. Good prices were realized. Araong the lot rold was an assertment of brandy, the duties on which amounted to \$19,000.

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Fourteen government buildings will be sold at Portsmouth on the 25th inst.

The steamer George Leary ran over an unknown oyster vessel in the bay had night, and it is progumed smir her with all bands, as afterwards boats were lowered and no trace of the vessel could be discerned.

Three companies of the Twelfth United States infanity arrived here yesterday, and will form part of the quarison of the fortress. A portion of them left for Williamsburg this morning.

Schuyler Colfax at Newark,
Newark N. J., Dec. 22, 1866.

The Hon. Schuyler Colfax delivered his lecture,
"Across the Continent," to a brilliant audience in Central Presspectrian church this evening. He was introduced by Hon. Marcus I. Ward, the Governor elect. The lecture was greeted with great applause. After the lecture quite a number of our prominent citizens were introduced to him at the residence of Mr. Ward.

tollet mirrors, and all changes, as used while best through their dark in saches, wooder how the best folk of twenty years ago of along without the teeth foling, breath perfuming so odont.

A New Poem.—If any Englishman should contemptionally ask now "Who writes an American Poems" we should triumphantly answer, "John M. Dagmail." We have just received a volume bearing his name, entitled "DABY SWAIN. THE FLOWER OF SHEWAN DOAH: A TALE OF THE REBELION." The versites too of this poem is its great originality.—Boston Transcript. One handsome volume. Historated. Price 21 25. For nale by A. DOWLING. 66 Nassan street, and LEGGAR BIOS., H3 Nassan street, New York; HENRY TAYLOR, Sun Buildings. Baltimore; and SHEFFARD & RILEY, Washington, D. C.

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A.—Gemeral Kilpatrick has been Ap-pointed Minister to Chile, which is one of the friendly South American governments, the people exhibiting a higher order of circlination and refinement than other Spanish Americans. In proof of which we have the fact that the EGYTIAN LO-TUS is the only scent used by the Chilean indice.

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S. W. H. WARD, 367 Broadway, N. Y.

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port of the proceedings of Congress, with the important Message of Precident Johnson and the Report of Lec-tenant General Grant on the subject of Reconstruction; The Proclamation of Secretary Seward declaring Slavery extinct in the United States; The Lotters of the Secretary of State relieving the Provisional Governors of Alaba and Georgia from further duty; A full and graphicacco and acorgia from turner duty; A fair and graphic account of the Fenian Imbroglio in the United States; Report of the present condition of Jeff. Davis; Account of the destruction caused by the Ice Gorge at St. Louis; Late and interesting intelligence from Europe and all parts of the world. Editorials on prominent events; The Carrent News of the day; Poetry "Give" (written for the Wester, March 1988). WEEKLY HERALD), "A Song for the Festive Sea Two interesting and excellent stories, written expression for the Werrly Herato, called "Lucy Kent's Christ mas" and "Joheny Crow, the Geerilla of Tennessee;" Musical and Theatrical review for the week; The Paris Pashions for December; Interesting Literary, Artistic and Scientific reading; Sporting News; Religious Intelligence; Seasonable reading for Farmers and Agricultu-rists; Varieties; Facetie; Valuable reviews of the Money, Commercial, Dry Goods, Boot and Shoe, Cottle and Horse Markets, and accounts of all interesting events of the week.

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